

Performer to reenact Mark's Gospel Nov. 11

Imagine yourself in the year 72 A.D., hearing the Gospel for the first time!

You will have that opportunity at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, when Patrick McWilliams performs from memory the "The Gospel According to Mark" at the Old Country Church, located next to the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36 in St. Francis.

McWilliams' solo presentation is an enactment of the Gospel, every much as it must have been performed in the earliest days of Christianity.

"The Emperor Titus is on the throne, the Temple has been destroyed, Paul and Peter have been executed, and the world is in great turmoil. And here is a messenger, bringing truly good news," Mr. McWilliams says.

Mr. McWilliams taught literature and drama at The Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire; Isidore Newman School in New Orleans; and at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. He has directed a number of plays, performed in many theatre productions, and sung with the New Orleans Symphony Chorus and the Renaissance Chorus of St. Andrews University, Scotland.

He has been a summer Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a Teacher Fellow at St. Andrews University, and a Klingenstein Fellow at Columbia University.

"I first realized how wonderfully dramatic and theatre-ready the Gospel of Mark was when I learned that the distinguished British actor, Alec McCowen, had a long run off-Broadway with his presentation," said Mr.

McWilliams, a member of the International Network of Biblical Storytellers.

"Truly, Mark's Gospel was meant to be performed—only five per cent of the Mediterranean population could read in the first century. They had to hear the Gospel, and they had to hear it in a way that would hold their attention and entertain them for over one hundred minutes," he said.

This performance of "Mark" will be Patrick McWilliams' 94th. McWilliams, a resident of Breckenridge, Colo., has offered presentations of the Gospel in churches and auditoriums in South Carolina, Arkansas, Illinois, New Mexico, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, and even in Spain—at the U.S. Naval Base in Rota.

McWilliams' appearance in St. Francis is sponsored by the Cheyenne Center for Creativity. He will be performing and presenting workshops in St. Francis for three days, Nov. 9-11.

On Friday morning, Nov. 9, he will be working with David Morrow's speech class focusing on Shakespeare's sonnets. That afternoon McWilliams will perform "The Trial of Socrates: A Juror Speaks" for all high school students.

Then at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, Mr. McWilliams will present a workshop for area residents on Shakespeare's sonnets at 109 N. Quincy, a remodeled space in the former Faulkender Hardware building.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, a fundraising supper, with McWilliams and his wife, Frances, as guests, will be held at Cuppa Joe



LUCILLE ROSSBACH encourages people to come to the Old Country Church on Nov. 11 to hear Patrick McWilliams perform the Gospel according to Mark. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Espresso. Following the supper, McWilliams will present "The Trial of Socrates: A Juror Speaks," at 109 N. Quincy. A question and answer session, with coffee and cookies, will follow the performance.

The suggested donation for the morning Shakespeare workshop

is \$10; for supper and Socrates performance, \$15; or for all Saturday events, \$20. Reservations may be made at Cuppa Joe Espresso in St. Francis. Since seating is limited the public is reminded to make reservations for the Saturday events as early as possible.

Farm service agency deadline approaches

The deadline for the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency to certify alfalfa and native grass is Nov. 15, and the deadline to certify 2013 wheat acres is Dec. 15. In an effort to use the producers' time effectively, Farm Service Agency personnel are asking producers to call the office immediately to schedule an appointment to complete certifying 2013 wheat and alfalfa acres by the Nov. 15 deadline.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program producers are required to provide production evidence of their NAP crops such as alfalfa, cane, oats, millet, etc. by the certification date of each covered

crop, regardless of any possible filing of a Notice of Loss. Failure to report production by the deadline will result in a reduced approved yield used for subsequent years. Approved yields are used in determining the scope of any possible crop losses when filing a Notice of Loss and Application for payment. This means for those having 2012 NAP coverage on alfalfa, their 2012 alfalfa production needs to be reported by Nov. 15.

For a list of acceptable NAP production evidence, or to schedule an appointment to certify acres, contact the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency at (785) 332-2183.

Garden club meet for food day fun

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the St. Francis Garden Club met to celebrate Food Day 2012 by holding a Community Garden Dinner at the United Methodist Church. Thirty five members attended, several bearing dishes made from their home gardens or excess from the community garden.

Fare included fresh beets, squash of all kinds, salad, a fresh veggie tray, spaghetti squash with sauce, sweet potatoes, peach cobbler from local peaches, beet bread, a selection of pies, strombolis and rolls made from Wauneta flour donated by Lynn Query.

Becky Roberson and Jo Hagney of the High Plains Food Co-op, spoke to the group about the importance of local food systems.

Jeanne Dunn, district manager, spoke about the conservation district's Home Garden Program where participants can get free seeds in exchange for the promise of donating some of their harvest later in the season. In 2012 Home Garden participants donated over 300 pounds of produce from their own home gardens. Warren Cico, United Methodist Church pastor, gave out junior garden club awards and told several humorous stories about the children that participated.

Bernadette Luncsford, district conservationist, gave out adult Community Garden volunteer awards. All received T-shirts and cookbooks. Garden mentors Rev. Cico, Dee Padgett and Susan Griffin, each worked a shift a week teaching garden newbies and received Natural Resources Conservation Service mugs and seeds. Rev. Cico had the most hours of garden work completed,

over 200, and received a garden tote filled with new tools as an appreciation for his efforts in the Community Garden.

Mrs. Luncsford also announced that Rev. Cico has been selected as the Kansas Outstanding Earth Team Volunteer for 2012. He will be receiving an engraved plaque and nomination for the National Outstanding Earth Team Volunteer Award.

Mrs. Luncsford was selected as Kansas Outstanding Earth Team Employee 2012. She will also be receiving an engraved plaque and a nomination for the National Outstanding Earth Team Employee Award.

The Community Garden Club was nominated for Kansas Outstanding Earth Team Group 2012. Though not selected, they received a letter of appreciation from state conservationist Eric Banks and all group members received re-useable grocery bags.

The Community Garden has placed fresh vegetables in the homes of over 20 volunteers and 12 junior garden club members. The excess of 797 pounds was donated to 35 monthly food pantry recipients, 25 Good Samaritan Village residents, the school lunch program and the senior center.

The Community Garden Club is planning to build greenhouses in order to continue producing fresh food for the community year round. Anyone who would like to donate time, materials or money to assist with this project please contact project leaders: Susan Griffin (303-960-8912) or Kale Dankenbring (772-1202).

Couple celebrates wedding anniversary

A dinner was held for Mike and Cindy (Merklin) Mitchell at the Hotel Wilber in Wilber, Neb., honoring them on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Their daughter, Kimberly Mitchell of Madison, Wis., hosted the occasion on Oct. 20.

Those helping them celebrate were Andrew and Justin Mitchell of Wilber, Howard and Dorothy Mitchell of Edgemont, S.D., Terry and Sherry Griffiths of Lincoln, Neb., Doug and Stacey Kuszak and family of Lincoln, Sara Beckman

and Paige of Wray, Colo., Larry and Lexlie Stunkel and Maddie Avery of Hutchinson, Christopher Merklin and Melissa Burton of Atwood, Heather Merklin and Don Tobin of Kansas City, Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman of Goodland, Lyle and Flo Wieck of Lincoln, Leon and Darlene Merklin, Dennis Merklin, Bradley Merklin, Pat Rose, Dawson and Dailey Rose, and Pat Brunow, all of St. Francis.

An open house was held at the hotel in the afternoon with friends and family attending.

Clean up after pets

There have been some complaints again about dog poop. Piles can be seen in numerous places including the post office, the city and Sawhill parks, the high school and at the roadside park.

There are, of course, incidents were dogs are running loose, leaving their mark around town but

there are also the people who are walking their dogs and not bothering to carry a bag to put the poop their dog deposits in.

Dog owners are asked to please consider others. First of all, dogs are not supposed to run loose; and secondly, those walking their dogs need to pick up after them.

Did you know?

- Johann Sebastian Bach was not just considered "the greatest genius of baroque music," he was also a father to 20 children, several of whom became musicians.
- In French universities, freshmen are sometimes called bec jaune, or yellow beak, for their similarity to fledgling birds.
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Weekend Specials

The Uptown Market and Deli

(Downtown St. Francis)

Thurs. - Sun., Nov. 1st - Nov. 4th

Crystal Farms Wisconsin Cream cheese, 8 oz.	\$1.99
Kraft Velveeta, 2 lb. box	\$5.49
Country Crock Spread, 15 oz.	\$2.49
Dannon Light -N-Fit Yogurt, 4 pack	\$2.49
Boneless Center Cut Pork Loin	\$2.99/lb
Pork Cutlets	\$3.29/lb
Hillshire Farms Polska Kielbasa, 14 oz.	\$3.99
USDA Choice Boneless Kansas City Strip Steak	\$8.49/lb
Ground beef 85/15	\$3.29/lb
Lucky Leaf Cherry Pie Filling	\$3.19
Frozen Sweetened Sliced Strawberries, 10 oz.	\$1.49
Grands Southern Style Frozen Biscuits, 12 ct.	\$3.49
Mr. Dell's Shredded Hashbrowns, 30 oz	\$3.49
New York Style 2 Pre-sliced Garlic Loaves	\$2.99
J. Skinner Danish Ring or Cinnamon Rolls	\$3.49
Dole Iceberg Head Lettuce	99¢/head
X Sweet and Easy to peel Clementines 2 lb. bag	\$3.99
XL Red Seedless Grapes	\$1.99/lb
Large Super Select Cucumbers	2/\$1.00
Virginia Ham from our Deli	\$4.99/lb
Bacon Encrusted Turkey from our Deli	\$5.99/lb
Sara Lee Classic White Bread	\$1.99
New! Cool Whip Frosting, Van., Choc., Crm Cheese	\$2.89

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St. Francis Catholic Church Turkey Dinner
Benefit for the St. Francis Senior Center
Sunday, Nov. 4
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. Francis High School Cafeteria
Adults \$8 & Children (under 12) \$5
Please help raise funds for the Senior Center.
Call 785-332-3454 for home delivery.
There will be valet parking for the handicapped and elderly in the back of the school!



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NW KS GMD#4 WTAP SIGN-UP OPEN

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP). The deadline to apply is November 15.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas by retiring water rights. Six "high priority" areas in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD 4) have been designated as eligible target areas by the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources chief engineer because of significant water level declines. The six areas have been determined to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further water appropriations.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, water conservation program manager, at (785) 296-8964 or Steve.Frost@kda.ks.gov. WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation website at <http://www.ksda.gov/doc/cid=1941>.

Information and assistance is also available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at (785) 425-6787 or at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby at (785) 462-3915.

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